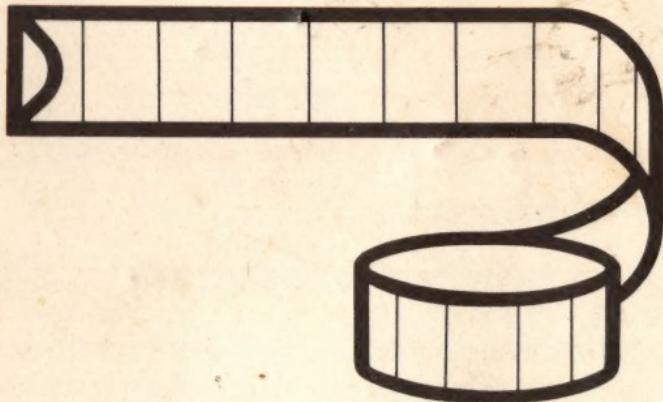




The metre



Measuring length in metric

The metre

- The metre is the basic metric measurement of length.
- It is a little more than 3 feet 3 inches.
m stands for metre.
5 m means five metres.
- Measure directly in metric. It is a waste of time and effort to measure in inches and then convert. Many rules and tape-measures already have metric markings.

The centimetre

- For measuring shorter lengths the centimetre is used.
A centimetre is one hundredth of a metre.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ centimetres are approximately one inch.
- **cm** stands for centimetre.
5 cm means five centimetres.

The millimetre

- A millimetre is very small.
It is one thousandth of a metre.
25 millimetres are approximately one inch.
mm stands for millimetre.
- The millimetre is the most common metric measurement in building and engineering.

The kilometre

- The kilometre is the metric measure for distances.
It is 1000 metres.
- One kilometre is a little less than $\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile.
- **km** stands for kilometre.

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